

Jon Maginot

From: ChihLing Chou
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 10:40 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Jon Maginot
Subject: No Waiver to Dutchints

Hi!

It should not be pure residential on 5150 El Camelo in the first place. The zoning has been changed without the proper procedure.

Now the city council wants to give the developer more privileges by giving them waivers. Why?????????

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Conclusion. We've asked for months for a view of the proposed building from our property. We have received nothing. No more shortcuts. How can we mitigate the impact without knowing the impact? An analysis of the waiver request needs shows the need for 256 poles; not 33.

Please look out for the residents and deny the application for waiver.

Thanks.

**Chih-Ling Chou
Resident on Casita Way, Los Altos**

Jon Maginot

From: Pierre Bedard
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 6:50 AM
To: City Council; Jon Maginot
Subject: Item 15 on 25 June 19Agenda - NO EXCEPTION ON STORY POLES FOR 5150

Dear City Council,

I am speaking for myself and not in my role on the Library Commission.

You speak for the residents.

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Pierre Bedard

Los Altos, CA 94022

Jon Maginot

From: Lori Sevcik
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 11:48 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Jon Maginot
Subject: Story Poles for 5150

Hello Los Altos City Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

I was writing to request that the city council deny the request for a story pole exemption for 5150. I believe the story poles will help neighbors and community members understand the building size both vertical and horizontal and perhaps even settle some concerns over privacy, etc. This is the largest development in Los Altos' history - I believe - and I think it is prudent to ensure all steps are taken to help work with the community to understand the bulk of the building being developed.

I am very optimistic the this building can be constructed with a positive outcome for the the city, the developers, and the neighborhood adjacent.

Thank you for ensuring that this process is transparent for everyone - especially for those of us who lack the architectural imagination to understand the development of 5150 and would greatly benefit from story poles being placed for the entire development.

All the best
Lori Sevcik

Jon Maginot

From: Chris Jordan
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Zach Dahl
Cc: Jon Maginot
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Story Pole Waiver for 5150 El Camino Real

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Charles Fine
Date: June 24, 2019 at 10:18:47 AM PDT
To: council@losaltosca.gov
Subject: Proposed Story Pole Waiver for 5150 El Camino Real

Good Day,

I'm writing regarding Item #15 on this week's City Council Meeting agenda, the proposed waiver to the story pole requirements for the development at 5150 El Camino Real.

I urge you not to grant any waiver or variance to the story pole requirement for development at 5150 El Camino Real.

The residents who will be most affected by this development have a right to see the full scale of this unprecedented development, and the extent to which their privacy will be violated.

Please, Do not grant any waiver or variance to the story pole requirement for development at 5150 El Camino Real.

Charles Fine

Los Altos

Jon Maginot

From: Carlo Basile
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 4:34 PM
To: Jon Maginot
Subject: Agenda Item 15 - Story Pole exemption for 5150 El Camino Real

If story poles are not required for the largest and tallest development in the history of Los Altos, under what conditions would they ever be necessary?

As a resident immediately adjacent to that property, I am shocked that the staff recommends no story poles. Those of us who live in the nearby community need to understand the impact of this massive, transformative development and story poles are an important, necessary part of that understanding.

The city council is the voice of the residents of Los Altos. We elected you to represent us. Allowing the developer to go forward without story poles at 5150, would be ignoring the interests of the community that trusts you to represent its interests.

Please, do not give an exemption for Story Poles at 5150 El Camino Real.

Carlo Basile

Los Altos, CA, 94022

Jon Maginot

From: Matt Hershenson
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:09 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Jon Maginot
Subject: No Story Pole Exemption for 5150!

Dear Council Members,

Unfortunately, I might not be able to attend tonight's council meeting in person to speak, so I am sending an email to have my voice.

There are a number of reasons why it's essential that there are story poles for the proposed project at 5150 El Camino.

Given the size and location of the construction, it's critical for residents to understand the proposed size and dimensions of the building. I live on Casita Way and am very concerned about how much of the building will be visible from our street as it really changes the character of a neighborhood to see a big building in the view. All residents deserve to be able to assess this. Residents need to see how the building is going to look in real life and as they live in the neighborhood (and not just in some renderings from fixed points).

It's also important that if we're going to trust a developer to build a sound building, they not seek an exemption from the far simpler task of erecting story poles. If they cannot take on the simpler task, it seems they shouldn't be considered for developing a building in the first place. Furthermore, the poles should be easy to erect by securing to the existing building.

Sincerely,
Matt Hershenson